

I am a 62 yr old XM user. I am asking you to not allow the NAB with their lobbying take away a very important feature of XM radio. Local stations do not give constant coverage of traffic conditions. Also if you are out of area and approaching an area the check of traffic and weather in high traffic areas is very beneficial. Once your are in a traffic jam its too late to look for an alternate route. It saved me a lot of time delay this spring in the Tampa, Fl area. Only people like myself who pay a monthly subscription fee can get this anyway, so it isn't an immediate threat to any radio station, so there is plenty of time for studies of impact. I have been so impressed with XM that I subscribed for a 5 year connection. I have travelled in the remote areas of ND, SD, WY, ID and other states. Areas where you can not receive a station of anykind. I now can tune into news, weather, financial, sports and other genre that keep me informed the way I want. Local stations do not keep you informed on much news. It has been my experience that stock markets and new is about 2 minutes once an hour and many stations don't even give that. In a free market system, let the local stations compete with XM by providing as good or better programing, the the playing field will be level. Thank you for listening to me. I trust you will do the right thing. Lowell T Miller